



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
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SEPTEMBER 24, 2009
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On Thursday, September 24, 2009, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 9:00 a.m. in room 9-040, 100 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Chairman Joseph Sinopoli, Commissioners Dennis Bookshester, Joseph Casciato, W. Jack Chamblin, Angelo Ciambrone, Timothy Martin, Jon Metcalf, Michael Murphy, Paul Smith and Robert Winchester. Staff members Marc Laino, Shelley Kalita, Bob Lang and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

BOARD ITEMS

Commissioner Murphy moved that the Board approve a concessionaire's license for the remainder of 2009 for Don Carter Lanes, Inc. at 4007 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois. Commissioner Winchester seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Sinopoli moved that the Board approve the following race dates schedule for 2010. Commissioner Ciambrone seconded the motion. In addition, the agreement proposed for 2011 by Arlington and Hawthorne shall be reviewed by the Board at the dates hearing in 2010. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Brian Zander appeared on behalf of Fairmont Park and Lanny Brooks on behalf of the Illinois HBPA. Tim Carey and Robert Molaro appeared on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course, Roy Arnold, Arlington Park and Greg Szymiski, the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and presented an agreement for race dates for 2010 and 2011. William "Duke" Johnston and John Johnston appeared on behalf of Maywood Park and Balmoral Park, and David McCaffrey and Tony Somone, on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association and presented an agreement for race dates for 2010.

| | <u>Live Programs</u> | <u>Total Programs</u> |
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| ARLINGTON PARK | 91 | 194 |

Dark "host" period: January 3 through February 11 – No Live Racing.
April 28 through September 28 - racing 4 days per week, dark Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays except live racing on May 31, July 5 and September 6.

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| HAWTHORNE RACE COURSE | 109 | 171 |
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January 1 and January 2; and
February 12 through February 27 - racing 3 days per week on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; and

February 28 through March 27 - racing 4 days per week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; and

March 28 through April 27 – racing 5 days per week, dark on Mondays, Thursdays, April 4 (Easter) and Tuesday, April 27; and

September 29 through December 31 - racing 5 days per week, dark Mondays and Tuesdays, and dark Wednesday, September 29, Thursday, September 30, November 25 (Thanksgiving), December 24 (Christmas Eve) and December 25 (Christmas).

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| TOTAL UPSTATE THOROUGHBRED | 200 | 365 |
| FAIRMOUNT PARK | 52* | n/a |

April 27 through August 24 racing 3 programs per week, primarily Tuesday afternoons and Friday and Saturday evenings.

* Two conditions must be satisfied and if not, Fairmount Park shall vacate 49 of the 52 days.

- 1) Increase the privilege tax to no less than 0.75% for Fairmount Park by January 1, 2010.
- 2) Resolve the Board's labor issues specific to Fairmount Park by February 5, 2010. Board employees at Fairmount Park shall be scheduled for no more than 75 programs.

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| TOTAL THOROUGHBRED | 252 | 365 |
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HARNESS

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| BALMORAL PARK | 144 | 266 |
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Dark "host" period: January 4 through January 26 – No Live Racing.

January 2 and January 3; and

January 27 through December 29 - racing 3 nights per week, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, dark on February 7 (Super Bowl), April 4 (Easter) and December 25 (Christmas).

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| MAYWOOD PARK | 97 | 99 |
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January 1 and January 28 through December 31 - racing 2 nights per week, Thursdays and Fridays, dark on November 25 (Thanksgiving) and December 24 (Christmas Eve).

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| TOTAL HARNESS | 241 | 365 |
| TOTAL THOROUGHBRED AND HARNESS | 493 | 730 |

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairman Sinopoli announced the retirement of long-time Racing Board employee Patricia Rocco. Ms. Rocco was the Director of Licensing for many years and worked for the Board for 26 years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Sinopoli moved that the Board approve the minutes of its regular meeting on August 11, 2009. Commissioner Casciato seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Metcalf motioned for adjournment and Commissioner Bookshester seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Marc Laino", written in a cursive style.

Marc Laino
Executive Director